

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A shopping information retrieval method which includes a dealer terminal for supplying a commodity information through a network, an information retrieval service terminal for gathering the commodity information through the network, and a user terminal for asking for information retrieval of the commodity information through the network, the method comprising:

sending the latest commodity information from said dealer terminal to said information retrieval service terminal;

receiving the latest commodity information at said information retrieval service terminal;

updating commodity information stored in a database to latest information;

sending an area and commodity item from said user terminal to said information retrieval service terminal;

retrieving from the commodity information stored in the database, a latest price information of the commodity item in plural shops in the area starting in order with the lowest price, and sending a retrieval result ~~including the latest and lowest~~

~~price information of the commodity item in the area from said information retrieval service terminal~~ to said user terminal; and
displaying ~~the retrieval result including the latest and lowest price information of the commodity item~~ a list of the latest price information of the commodity item in said plural shops in the area starting with the lowest price at said user terminal.

9. (previously presented) The shopping information retrieval method according to claim 8, further comprising:

sending a purchase order information of commodity based on the received retrieval result from said user terminal to said information retrieval service terminal; and

transferring the received purchase order information of commodity from said information retrieval service terminal to said dealer terminal.

10. (currently amended) A shopping information retrieval system, comprising:

a dealer terminal for supplying a commodity information through a network;

an information retrieval service terminal for gathering the commodity information through the network; and

a user terminal for asking for information retrieval of the commodity information through the network,

said dealer terminal includes means for sending the latest commodity information to said information retrieval service terminal,

said user terminal includes means for sending an area and commodity item to said information retrieval service terminal and means for displaying ~~the retrieval result including latest and lowest price information of the commodity item~~ a latest price list of the commodity item in plural shops starting in order with the lowest price in the area,

said information retrieval service terminal includes means for receiving the latest commodity information, means for updating commodity information stored in a database to latest information and means for ~~sending a retrieval result including the latest and lowest price information of the commodity item in the area~~ retrieving a latest price information of the commodity item in said plural shops starting in order with the lowest price in the area from the commodity information stored in the database, and sending a retrieval result.

11. (previously presented) The shopping information retrieval system according to claim 10,

wherein said user terminal sends a purchase order information of commodity based on the received retrieval result,

wherein said information retrieval service terminal transfers the received purchase order information of commodity to said dealer terminal.

12. (withdrawn/currently amended) A shopping information retrieval method which includes a dealer terminal for supplying a commodity information through a network, an information retrieval service terminal for gathering the commodity information through the network, and a user terminal for asking for information retrieval of the commodity information through the network, the method comprising:

continuously sending the latest commodity information from said dealer terminal to said information retrieval service terminal;

receiving the latest commodity information at said information retrieval service terminal;

updating commodity information stored in a database of said information retrieval service terminal to latest information;

sending an area and commodity item from said user terminal to said information retrieval service terminal;

retrieving from the commodity information stored in the database, a latest price information of the commodity item in plural shops in the area starting in order with the lowest price,
and ~~sending a retrieval result including the latest and lowest~~

~~price information of the commodity item in the area from said~~
~~information retrieval service terminal~~ to said user terminal; and
displaying ~~the retrieval result including the latest~~
~~and lowest price information of the commodity item~~ a list of the
latest price information of the commodity item in said plural
shops in the area starting with the lowest price at said user
terminal.

13. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 12,
wherein the step of sending an area and commodity item from the
user terminal comprises the user terminal automatically selecting
the present position of the user terminal using a present
position automatic recognition system.